



DC Children and Families Health EXPO



Saturday, October 19, 2013

Deanwood Recreation Center
1350 49th St NE

10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

2013 Champions for Children Recognition Award Recipients Announcement

The Office of State Superintendent of Education (OSSE) and the Head Start State Collaboration Office (HSSCO) are proud to announce the recipients of the First Annual 2013 DC Champions for Children Recognition Awards.

Award recipients are recognized for their ongoing commitment and noteworthy contribution to improving the lives of the most vulnerable children and youth in our nation's capital, the District of Columbia.

Our inaugural recipients are:

Alicia Tolliver, Parent - Edward C. Mazique Parent and Child Center, Inc.
Nuckia Carter, Teacher- United Planning Organization Head Start Center
Michelle McNeely, Teacher - United Planning Organization Head Start Center
Juana Cedillos, Teacher - United Planning Organization Head Start Center Head Start Center
Gisela Hurtado, Family and Community Partner Manager- Rosemount Center
Gail Govoni, Director - United Planning Organization Head Start Center Head Start Center
Almeta Keys, Executive Director - Edward C. Mazique Parent and Child Center, Inc.
Habib A. Shariat, MD, - Edward C. Mazique Parent and Child Center, Inc. / Howard University
Deborah Paratore, Director - District of Columbia Public Schools
Barbara Lankster - Distinguished Career of Service Award
Maurice Sykes - Distinguished Career of Service Award
Carrie Thornhill - Distinguished Career of Service Award
Maria Gomez - Distinguished Career of Service Award
Deborah Hall - Distinguished Career of Service Award
Renata Claros - Distinguished Career of Service Award
Benita Lewis - Distinguished Career of Service Award

Congratulations to all of the recipients! Thank you for your support and hard work for children and families.

Please be sure to join us this **Saturday, October 19 at Deanwood Recreation for our Let's Move! DC - Children and Families Health Expo** as we honor our dedicated award recipients. The opening ceremony begins at 10:00am. This is DC's chance to honor those individuals or organizations that celebrate children and their healthy development. We hope this recognition helps raise the community's awareness of the hundreds of thousands of unheralded individuals, programs, and organizations that have dedicated their time and resources to supporting DC's children and their families. We know that every parent, caregiver, or staff person who cares about the wellbeing of children is worthy of this recognition.

Thank you for your support and hard work for children and families of District of Columbia.